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**The Environmental Health Network has just submitted a lengthy petition to the Food and Drug Administration to declare Calvin Klein's "Eternity Eau de Parfum" misbranded.** Misbranding would require a warning label on this product.

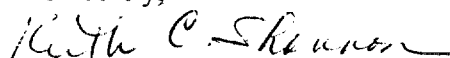
"Most people think fragrances are harmless. This is simply not true. Most fragrance ingredients have only been tested for skin irritation and not for their short or long-term effects on any other part of the human body."

I personally hope that the submission of this petition will create a groundswell of consumer interest that will convince the FDA to put this matter on the front burner where it belongs, because the use of perfumes and perfumed products is spreading rapidly. The health of millions of **unwary** people is involved as well as the health of people like me, who are **asthmatic and allergic** to some of the myriad chemicals found in commercial fragrances.

At some time in the NEAR future, I hope that more fragrances will be reviewed, and at least the more intelligent people will abandon them, so that it may be possible for me, and the others like me, to have a healthier existence outside of our own homes. When the knowledge about the health destroying character of cigarettes became absolutely obvious, the people of my city (Boulder, CO) passed a referendum forbidding smoking in all buildings where the public is permitted. I can only hope that someday, if enough information about the deleterious effects of the chemicals in perfumes and fragrances is made available, perfumes and fragrances will be banned in public places also. (There is almost no where I can go without wearing a mask or suffering physically afterward.) That is probably an unrealistic hope considering how long it has taken to get reform on the cigarette question, but perhaps my grandchildren's lives will be better if not my own, if YOU begin to **act with conscience NOW**.

Avoiding health destroying airborne chemicals is impossible. You can prevent some of the damage they are doing by at least making information available to those who use these products with abandon, hearing only company advertisements directed toward high sales. **It is up to you to tell the truth, because the companies will not.**

Sincerely,

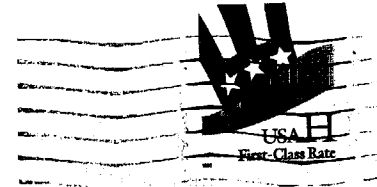


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